

REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 25 remain pending.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 28, 2008 indicates that each claim in the Reply filed on February 19, 2008 did not contain a proper status identifier. Specifically, claims 6 and 12 are identified as amended, but no amendments are marked. Claims 6 and 12 have been corrected to clearly reflect the amendments being made.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and the amendments and remarks submitted in the February 19, 2008 Reply, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger, Malur & Brundidge, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. NIT-415).

Respectfully submitted,

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